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PROTESTS CONTINUE IN VEGAS

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Las Vegas police officers hug outside University Medical Center, where a fellow officer was taken after being shot and critically wounded Monday while making an arrest at a protest.

Metro officer shot, fighting for his life

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A Las Vegas police officer was on life support and a man was dead after two separate shootings late Monday at the tail end of a Black Lives Matter protest.

The officer, Shay Mikalonis, remained in critical condition Tuesday afternoon, according to police. The 29-year-old has been a Metropolitan Police Department officer since 2016.

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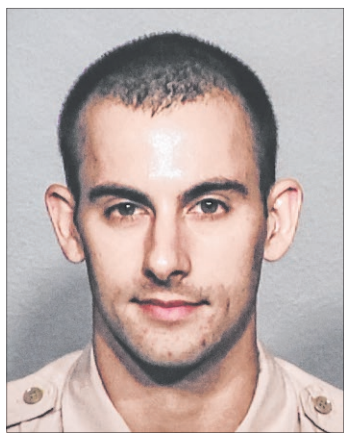

Police officer Shay K. Mikalonis, who was shot and is in critical condition.

National Guard is called to LV area

Its mission is to back police

By Shea Johnson and Rory Appleton
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Gov. Steve Sisolak announced Tuesday that the Nevada National Guard would be deployed to Southern Nevada, although not for crowd control, one day after a Metropolitan Police Department officer was shot in the head on the Strip.

Instead, "their mission is to act as support personnel and they will focus on protecting critical facilities, preserving public safety, and allowing individuals to exercise their rights to peacefully demonstrate," according to a statement from Sisolak's office.

National Guard members had previously been deployed to assist police in Reno deal with protests in that city. They have also been assisting in the state's response to the COVID-19 epidemic.

Meanwhile, the Clark County Commission on Wednesday will consider banning backpacks, large purses, luggage and other containers that can conceal dangerous materials at protests.

And two ex-Las Vegas officers now serving in government have called for curfews and harsher

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Protests elevate prospect of spreading coronavirus

Experts see spike as social distancing evaporates

By Mary Hynes
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Social distancing and social unrest are at odds as people across the country, including hundreds in Las Vegas, take to the streets to protest the death of George Floyd in police custody in Minneapolis.

The abandonment of social distancing by crowds of protesters raises questions about whether communities will see spikes in coronavirus cases as a result.

"Having a social conscience doesn't mean you can ignore social distancing," said Peter Pitts, president of the nonprofit, nonpartisan Center for Medicine in the Public Interest, who believes some increase in cases is inevitable.

"The coronavirus is Public Enemy No. 1," Pitts, a former associate commissioner with the Food and Drug Administration, said Tuesday. "It believes that

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The erosion of safety protocols during protesting suggests a coronavirus spike, according to health experts.